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College Ark

Miss Fannie Lilly My Cousin It is with
the greatest of pleasure that I seat my
self to answer your kind letter which
came to hand and was glad to hear from you
in deed I was well Fannie these few lines
are giving all well hoping they will find you
the same well Fannie uncle Ben Armylee is dead
he died at 12 of this month I don't know what his
wife family and Ben are doing in deed
he died Christmas eve night uncle Bill Armylee
and family are well I am not married yet I think
I am enjoying my self & well to marry I am
is married ^{married} here. lovely woman and a sweet one
There have been 9 couples married down here this
winter and out the 9 couples there was only 4
couples married at home the old people did
not want the girls to marry and the boys
had to steal the girls well Bird is married he
married girl type Crumby old aunt Saret
Bailey is married she married a fellow by
the name of win she is 45 years old and